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Story by
Donny Morrison


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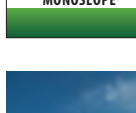
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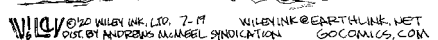
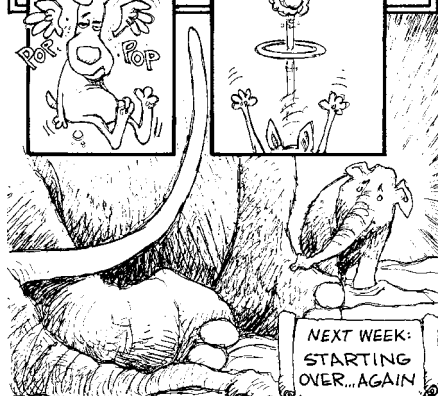
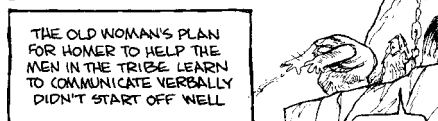
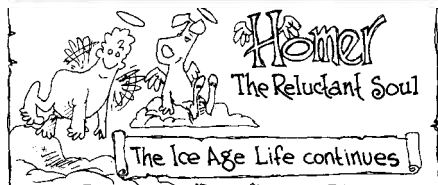
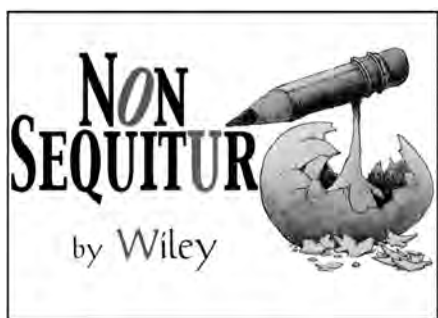
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NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED

Thank you for “Unable to Help” (EW 7-9). Pat Hadley and Eric Jackson are the kind of people I always imagined I would meet in Eugene. They embody our best values. Hadley can hold forth on a millennium’s worth of literature while grinning at you like a sailor. Jackson inspires brightly and loves loudly. For over a year, I’ve counted on them both for support, understanding and granola bars. I agree that Jackson polarizes, but only because a chunk of Eugene has adopted its leaders’ disdain of the poor.

With this code compliance nonsense, the city again fails to nimbly respond to crisis. Just an hour up the road, our governor will soon call another special session, during which the ability of localities to fast track emergency COVID-19 shelters will hopefully be extended for 90 days, as will the eviction moratorium passed in April. But meanwhile in Eugene, the fairgrounds shelter that housed hundreds daily has mostly closed, CDC-recommended encampments have been swept, and the city threatens to fine a family that’s willing to help out.

They say that no good deed goes unpunished; at least we have good citizens stepping in when an emergency tests our elected leaders’ responsiveness.

Robert Patterson
Springfield

PERLOW NOT A DA ‘SLAM DUNK’

From your April 23, endorsements: “District Attorney: Patty Perlow’s experience and support from the justice community makes this one a slam dunk.”

In March 2019, Springfield Police Officer R.A. Lewis shot Stacy Kenny five times, twice in the head, while seated next to her in her car. Kenny was unarmed, still seatbelted, and schizophrenic. So SPD officers would know how to — and how not to — respond if they encountered her, the SPD alerted them on the day they killed her.

This was a traffic stop. Sound familiar? Five heavily armed, physically strong male cops somehow couldn’t overpower her or block her car with theirs to keep her from driving off. She was calling 911 as Lewis was climbing into her car. Lewis, who was or should have been aware of Kenny’s schizophrenia, somehow was “in fear” for his life because she was driving fast.

So he shot Kenny five times while seated right next to her. Take a moment and envision that.

And Patty Perlow ruled the killing justified in April 2019, one year before Eugene Weekly endorsed her as “a slam dunk.”

Now the city of Springfield has to pay Kenny’s family \$4.55 million for her wrongful death, an Oregon record for police violence.

Question: How does EW explain its endorsement of Perlow at all, let alone as a “slam dunk”? How does “support from the justice community,” let alone Perlow’s

egregious ruling, warrant such an endorsement? Perlow is clearly compromised. So are your endorsements.

William LeGro
Eugene

HOMES FOR GOOD IS OFF TRACK

Thanks to Craig Patterson (EW Letters 7-2) for again hitting the nail on the head about issues important to the community. Among his many good points was mention of Homes for Good (HFG executive director is Jacob Fox).

During my service as a Lane County commissioner, I was hosted by Patterson at his property in McKenzie Bridge. This was part of a day when many were on a field trip with Oregon State University scientists and foresters to see and understand better the ravages on our watersheds and forests of industrial logging. He showed me his portable sawmill and how lumber can be professionally milled for market. Impressive. Good for relocalizing our economy.

As Patterson suggests, Homes for Good — formerly HACSA (Housing and Community Services Agency of Lane County) — is off track. Executive Director Fox treats HFG as his own fiefdom. Fox badly botched his “disposal” of the Greenway property, known as Potter’s Field (also referred to as the Lombard site, and the River Road property), disdainfully ignoring the community’s longtime support for building affordable housing on the site alongside respect for the Willamette River Greenway. Even the usually missing-in-action Pat Farr commented that the community was YIMBY — yes in my back yard.

Fox seems to be employing the playbook of Trump, who is rolling back important environmental and social safeguards under cover of COVID. One Greenway Guardian mentioned that Fox’s scheme ought to land him some time in Lane County Jail. I wouldn’t go that far, as Fox has not done anything illegal. However, there is a glaring lack of accountability, for sure. Learn more at GreenwayGuardians.org.

Rob Handy
Eugene

HIGH COST OF SHOOTING FOR STAR VOTING

The Eugene City Council is currently considering referring a measure to the November ballot change our voting system to a system called STAR voting. This system changes our one person, one vote democracy into a system better suited for ranking restaurants than choosing city councilors.

First, it comes with a speculated six-figure price tag. In a time where government spending is already reaching an all-time high, we should not be adding to it with untested systems. This system would be the poster child for government waste.

Beyond the economic cost is the social one. Our community works best when individuals look out for one another, and

treat each other with respect. That ideal is not reflected in this system. The best way to get ahead in this system is not to improve your own score, but to hurt the scores of the candidates around you. This will lead to elections where the focus shifts away from how candidates plan to improve our community and push us toward more mudslinging and division.

I want to live in a community that puts respect and common sense first. Advancing STAR through the City Council does not do that.

Bob Siegmund
Eugene

WHEN WILL THE CITY HELP THE HOMELESS?

Riding my bike around Eugene and along the river I notice the growing number of tent camps and people sleeping or crashed out in the streets and parks.

I wonder, why isn’t the city doing more to address this growing crisis? It is not going to go away, or fix itself.

I see lots of building going on: Hayward Field, the Fifth Street Market. I see the River Walk project, plans to redo the park blocks and build a new City Hall. Lots of new housing being built.

I don’t see plans to build housing for the unhoused that include services for treating mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, job counseling and the other social services to help those ready return to healthy and productive living. I don’t see ads for 50 new social workers, 50 drug and alcohol counselors and 50 mental illness professionals.

Here is what I am not talking about: I am not suggesting taking the unhoused to the city limits and asking them to leave. What I am talking about is beginning the hard work of addressing the underlying problems: lack of housing, mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, and the need for social services that help people return to productive and healthy lives.

Keith Wohlberg
Eugene

THE DOCTOR IS OUT OF IT

Dr. Trump believes the jury is still out on science despite his latest lie that he’s never been against wearing face masks. He does believe he looks good in one, now that’s a fact. I would take it a step or two further, Donald: How about a hoodie over that hot mess on top of your head? Perhaps one that says “Black lives matter.”

Rita Riley
Eugene

THE LEFT REWARDS BAD BEHAVIOR

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it,” uttered by George Santayana, an Italian who lived from 1863-1952. How true those words were then and are today.

How can we remember the past when many of us are not even taught it? Actually many of us and those who want better

treatment from “Law & Order” have lived it. Twenty-nine years ago, Rodney King was mistreated by systemic racism. In a city that is controlled by which political party? The riots in August of ’68, fifty-two years ago in Chicago, a city controlled by Democrats for nearly a century or better.

Four hundred twenty-four shootings in June 2020 alone, of which, the majority being done by the lives that matter to lives that matter. So which lives matter, really matter? In a city that is controlled by Democrats of which is mostly occupied entirely by lives that matter. As are the majority of all the cities in America that have seen an increase in murder and mayhem.

The left seems to reward bad behavior and are surprised when they get more bad behavior. So we as voters have been voting for those that claim they are going to make things better. Do things get better? No, 52 years later, we still have systematic racism as proclaimed by mayors and governors of those cities and states.

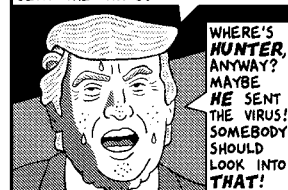
Jim Selby
Springfield

THIS MODERN WORLD

TRUMP RE-ELECTION STRATEGY

1. PROJECT OWN FLAWS ONTO OPPONENT

JOE BIDEN VERY MUCH CAN'T USE WORDS GOOD! HE RAMBLES FROM ONE TOPIC TO ANOTHER, AND BY THE WAY WE'VE BUILT VERY MANY MILES OF WALL AND CHINA SENT THE VIRUS!



4. NEVER MIND THE STUPID VIRUS, FOCUS ON THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER

I WILL SEND UNACCOUNTABLE PARAMILITARY FORCES TO STOP THESE PROTESTS--AND PROTECT AMERICA'S PRECIOUS STATUES!

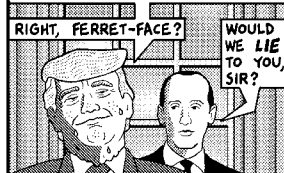
THEY WILL BE CALLED THE **STATUE FORCE!** AND THESE ELITE WARRIORS WILL SUBSIST ENTIRELY ON A DIET OF DELICIOUS **GOYA BEANS!**



2. EMPHASIZE ANY SCRAP OF EVIDENCE REMOTELY SUGGESTING POPULARITY

THERE ARE **BOATERS** FOR TRUMP, FLOATING AROUND, IN BOATS! AND **BIKERS** FOR TRUMP, BIG STRONG GUYS ON VROOM-VROOMS!

AND, AS I TWEET CONSTANTLY, **96% APPROVAL RATING IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!**



5. EMBRACE RACIST ICONOGRAPHY

THIS FLAG'S NOT ABOUT **RACE!** IT'S ABOUT THE **PROUD HERITAGE** OF A BREAKAWAY NATION THAT LASTED SOME NUMBER OF YEARS, MAYBE FOUR, BUT SOME PEOPLE THINK FIVE!



by TOM TOMORROW

3. COMMUTE SENTENCE OF MAN WHO APPARENTLY HAS THE DIRT ON YOU, LIKE ANY TOTALLY INNOCENT PRESIDENT WOULD DO

I WOULD **NEVER** RAT YOU OUT, SIR! AND HOW **COULD I**, SINCE YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING **WRONG?**

HAH! WHAT A JOKE-MAKING GUY YOU ARE! UH, I MEAN, YES, THAT'S VERY MUCH TRUE!



6. WHEN IN DOUBT, MAKE STUFF UP

IF **BIDEN** WINS, CRIMINALS WILL RUN **FREE!** SUBURBS WILL BE **ABOLISHED!** THE STOCK MARKET WILL BE VERY MUCH NOT **GOOD!** YOUR BELOVED **GOYA BRAND BEANS** WILL BE **OUTLAWED!**



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To move aside from where they are
Without a frantic dance.
When bikers yell out “ON YOUR LEFT!”
While whizzing by so sprightly
It makes me jump, and feel bereft,
And cinch my mask up tightly.
I urge you please to use a bell
I really think you'll see
That people will respond quite well
And act harmoniously!

Amy Danziger
Eugene

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Local and Vocal

VIEWPOINT BY BOB DOPPELT

Police Unmasked

DISREGARD FOR OUR IMPACTS
ON OTHERS LIES AT HEART
OF TODAY'S ILLS

After more than 10 years of writing columns for *The Register-Guard*, it was time for a change. I am pleased to say I will now write for *Eugene Weekly*. One lesson I've learned through my work is that self-focused disregard for the impacts of one's actions on others lies at the heart of most of today's social, economic, and ecological problems. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed this dynamic for all to see.

Case in point is an experience I recently had with the Eugene Police Department.

I was pulled over by the police while driving into town. Neither of the two officers who stopped me was wearing a mask. One leaned down, and from just outside my open car window, no more than three feet away, said they pulled me over because my license plate was out of date.

The maskless officer continued to talk to me for about 15 minutes from three feet away, asking for my driver's license, returning it and inquiring about the registration.

About three quarters of the way through the incident it dawned on me that the officer was not wearing a mask. So I ask her to move back and practice social distancing. She did not do so.

After more dialogue the officers told me I should get the registration fixed and left without issuing a citation. As they walked back to their vehicle I became concerned about what had just transpired, leaned out my window, and asked why she was not wearing a mask. She responded, "I'm not going to go back and forth with you about that," and walked away.

That's when it really sank in that my health — and because I am older, in the god-forbid absolute worst case scenario, my life — could now potentially be at risk.

Even if the officer feels fine, she could be pre-symptomatic. And, the CDC estimates that up to 25 percent of infected people are asymptomatic, and she could be a “silent spreader,” which a study published by the National Academy of Sciences said could be responsible for about half the cases of COVID-19.

The reverse is also true. If I had the virus, the officer might now be infected and give it to other members of the public she interacts with and to her fellow officers and family as well.

I was first told that the officer's action was inappropriate, and they had been directed to wear masks in the future. But later I learned that officers were not required to wear masks because the guidelines issued by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and the Centers for Disease Control did not necessitate it.

Fortunately, I did not get the virus. And, not long after my scary experience, Brown issued an order requiring people to wear masks outdoors when they cannot social distance. The order applies to the police as well, so I hope they will not put the public at risk again during traffic stops again. However, the practice should apply to all police interactions with the public, including protests, where officers have been seen not wearing masks.

But this does not change the reality that the officers I interacted with were concerned only about their own protocols and needs and failed to consider how they might

harm me. And, because they held a position of authority, they did not feel the need to justify their behavior. And I am white. I wonder if the officers would have responded any differently if a person of color had asked them to back away and social distance, and why they were not wearing masks.

My experience highlights, once again, how self-interested indifference to the harmful impacts of one's actions on others dominates our society. It's not just the police. This is apparent in the people who proclaim that wearing masks impinges on their freedom and push back against public health, elected officials and businesses that require it.

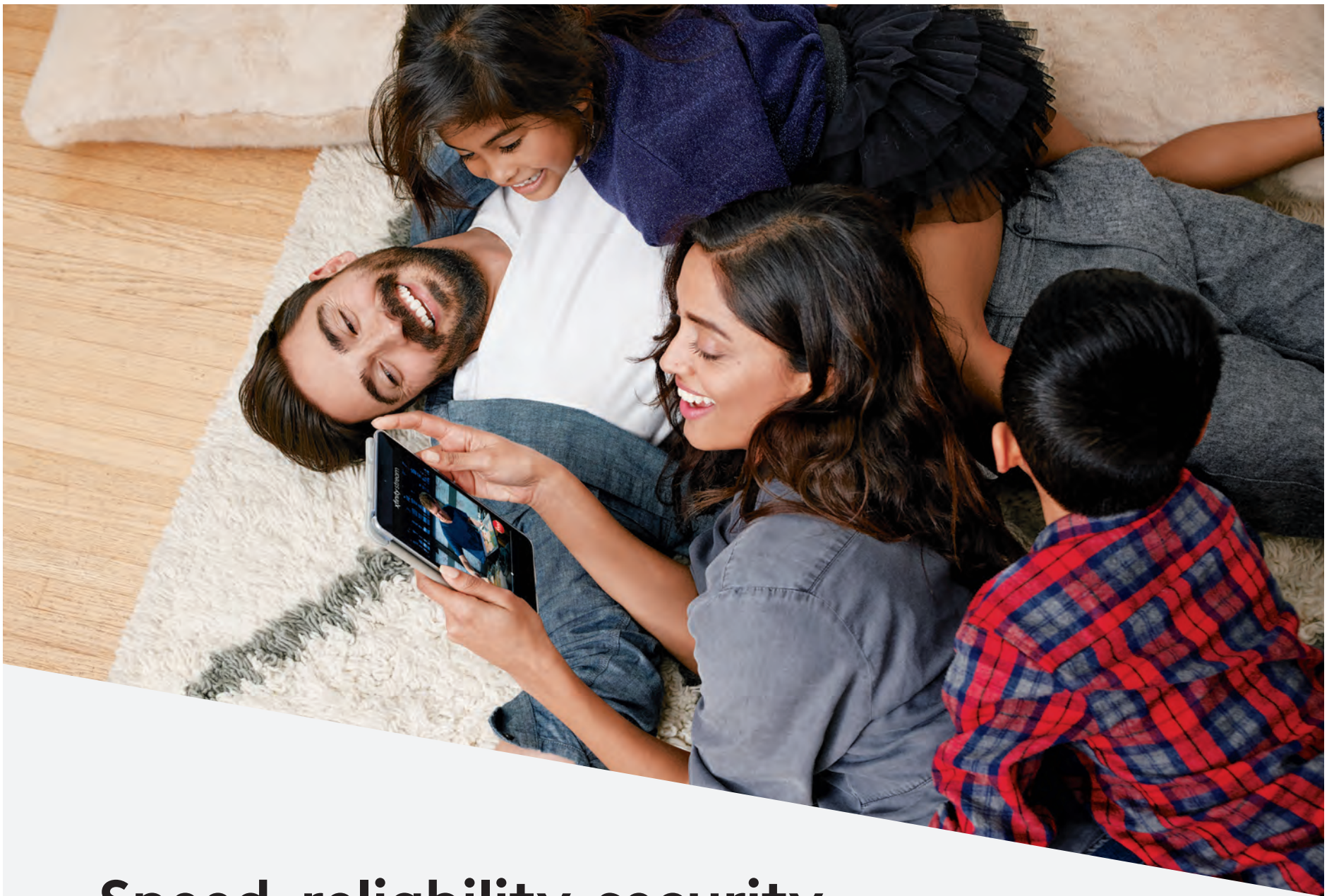
The pattern is also evident in the oil and gas industry that, to protect its investments and profits, puts all of humanity at risk by refusing to slash emissions. The Canadian-based Pembina company, for example, is pushing hard to build a liquefied natural gas export terminal in Coos Bay and construct a 229-mile gas pipeline to transport the fuel there. Not only would the pipeline violate the property rights of the many landowners who oppose it, the project would also become the largest single source of greenhouse gases in Oregon.

Reckless self-interest rules supreme in many other sectors of society as well.

Many people today seem stuck in the mindset that no matter what the impact, pursuing one's self-interest is the only way things can be. The fears generated by the Pandemic have strengthened this belief. Ample research and experience, however, have proven this view wrong — and destructive.

Mindsets can often change just by being aware of them and their effect on others, experimenting with different responses. Individuals and organizations throughout Eugene might consider taking time now to surface and explore their beliefs about self-interest. We are all likely to end up safer and healthier. ■

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Change History

DISMANTLE THE SYSTEMS THAT VALIDATE OPPRESSION AND RACISM

White people in America are clearly steeped in a very real moment. We are being urged to listen, reckon, reflect and act. We are being asked, in so many ways, to open our ears, our eyes, our hearts and our brains in ways that many of us have never done before. And in doing so, there will certainly be feelings of guilt, remorse, sadness, outrage, confusion, compassion and a myriad of other emotions and impulses coursing through us.

However, if done right, what can come from this breakthrough societal moment cannot be denied. Taking the lead from communities of color, what will emerge is a clarity to drive forward the efforts needed to break the cycles of oppression and racism — to dismantle the systems that validate oppression and racism.

Together, we will build a just system that honors and respects all life. This is not only possible, but inevitable.

In a recent *New York Times* op-ed drafted by William Barber II, Liz Theoharis, Timothy B. Tyson and Cornel West entitled, “What the Courage to Change History Looks Like”, they said this:

“Cries of ‘I can’t breathe’ call out in compelling shorthand, America’s enduring racial chasm in every measure of well-being: health care and infant mortality, wages and wealth, unemployment, education, housing, policing and criminal justice, water quality and environmental safety.

The bills that bustle through our legislatures offer narrow reforms of police procedures and bypass the fullness of what the protesters are saying: The children of privilege are protected not by a higher grade of policing, but by deeper layers of resources and that is what ought to protect all of our children.”

The collective goes on to sharpen their ridicule of legislative bodies by saying, “You cannot solve what is happening to Black people in this country by ‘mere policy tinkering,’ but that you must dismantle “the interlocking systems created by and for white supremacy and gender-based oppressions.”

With dismantling comes the opportunity to rebuild, and how we rebuild will be crucial. Seeing the world as a collection of systems is so critical. It’s why the phrase “interlocking systems” is so powerful — through the truth it speaks.

It is also why the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) lays out various demands versus narrowing their focus on just the brutality of policing towards Black people. A critical piece — one that does not receive the attention it deserves to those “interlocking” platforms — is the call for community control:

“We demand a world where those most impacted in our communities control the laws, institutions and policies that are meant to serve us — from our schools to our local budgets, economies, police departments, and our land — while recognizing that the rights and histories of our Indigenous family must also be respected.”

This is not a new demand, but one that has been part of Black resistance since its inception. The ability to self-determine is a necessary element for balance, equity, survival, evolution and the protection of the sacred. This drive for self-determination — a community self-determination — cannot be stopped or ignored.

I include the two following clauses, not as a distraction from the focus on Black lives, but as a sharpening of that lens, by reminding everyone that the drive for community control is universal. It is inherent. It is what we all want

RECOGNIZING THAT WHETHER WE CALL IT SOVEREIGNTY OR COMMUNITY CONTROL OR SELF-GOVERNMENT, WE ARE SAYING THE SAME THING — THAT WE NEED TO BE DECISION-MAKERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THEREBY CREATING REAL, AUTHENTIC, CAPITAL D DEMOCRACY.

and it can be a major aid in universally binding us together:

Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development, according to Article 3, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The people of Lincoln County possess both a collective and individual right of self-government in their local community, a right to a system of government that

embodies that right, and the right to a system of government that protects and secures their human, civil, and collective rights, says the law adopted by the people of Lincoln County to ban aerial spray of pesticides

The dismantling of “the interlocking systems, created by and for white supremacy and gender-based oppressions,” is a must. But before we even arrive at the moment where those systems come crumbling down, we need to vision what we want to collectively rebuild.

Recognizing that so many of us want the same things — that we understand that decentralizing power is vital to achieving our collective needs and desires, will be the very power that sends us on the path forward. Recognizing that whether we call it sovereignty or community control or self-government, we are saying the same thing — that we need to be decision-makers in our communities, thereby creating real, authentic, capital D Democracy.

Barber, Theoharis, Tyson and West finish their statement on the state of America and Black lives by saying, from a place of love and vision, that, “All demand that our legacy must include a livable planet. Black and white, immigrant and Indigenous, Asian-American and Latinx, straight and LGBTQ, of every hue and faith...”

We are all being called out, called up, called to come together, and called to act. Let’s change history together. ■

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EPD and PPE: Masks optional?

SINCE JULY 15, LAW ENFORCEMENT IN EUGENE HAS BEEN REQUIRED TO WEAR PROTECTIVE MASKS

By Frankie Kerner

The long hot days of summer have been punctuated by protests and a surge in criticism of law enforcement and their tactics across the country. After the May 25 police killing of George Floyd, anti-police protests have been happening nearly every day in cities across the country, including Eugene.

One thing the videos and documentation of police tactics have highlighted is that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, police haven't been wearing face masks to protect themselves and others against the virus. In Eugene, officers are required to wear masks. Springfield police will wear masks but claim masks don't allow officers to effectively screen for impaired drivers.

On July 1, Gov. Kate Brown ordered all Oregonians to wear face masks in public places to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The Eugene Police Department did not require police officers to wear masks until July 15, according to a statement from EPD spokesperson Melinda McLaughlin. "We are once again making adjustments to our current face mask requirements," she says. McLaughlin says these adjustments are to keep EPD in line with the governor's statewide mandates.

McLaughlin says the new rule applies to all police personnel "when outdoors engaging the community. This

will apply to traffic stops, pedestrian contacts, and any other interaction with our community."

According to Lane County's public health spokesperson, Jason Davis, officers might not always be able to wear masks. "Police have a lot of different kinds of encounters," he says. "Some encounters are naturally socially distanced. When it's not about interrupting a behavior but really just having a conversation with someone, those can be easily managed."

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Davis also says the masks can disrupt police accountability. "A part of their accountability is that all their conversations with the public are recorded," he says. "So when you put a mask on and you try to record, there's a lot that's left out. For that transparency piece and for the information they record in their conversations they would choose to either pull their mask down while they're talking to someone or not wear one. But from a public

health standpoint, you still want them to wear a mask as much as they can."

The Springfield Police Department is following a similar policy to EPD. According to an email from Sgt. Dave Grice, police in Springfield are required to wear masks only in non-emergency calls "in which they must enter buildings, stores, residences or otherwise confined spaces." He says that currently "our employees are directed to wear masks in our building, and while outside if proper social distancing isn't an option."

Grice says that the rule SPD is following is "reasonableness." He adds, "When responding to an urgent call and the ability to don a mask is not feasible, then officers are directed to do so when officer safety permits it."

Grice says Springfield is not requiring officers to wear masks on traffic stops, "as part of their job is to detect the odor of alcohol and controlled substances, and masks do not allow our officers to effectively screen for impaired drivers." He adds that the department has "asked officers to apply a mask at the first opportunity to safely do so."

Jason Davis says so far Lane County has not found any COVID-19 cases linked to police activity through contact tracing. Additionally, no cases have been linked to any of the protests since May 25.

"I think that's been really frustrating for people who don't like the protests," Davis says. ■

'One Less Thing to Worry About'

AFTER CROWDFUNDING TO AVOID EVICTION, PAYING BACK THEIR RENT BILL HAS NOT BROUGHT FINANCIAL STABILITY TO EUGENE ROOMMATES

By Anika Nykanen

In mid-June, Justice Martinez and Lucy Cervantes received a daunting text from their landlord. The roommates would be served an eviction notice on June 30 — when Oregon's eviction moratorium was initially set to expire — unless they paid the \$5,258 rent and utility bill they owed the rental housing company.

The bill had ballooned while both roommates were unemployed due to the COVID-19 economic shutdown. Martinez, who uses they/their pronouns, says they did not qualify for unemployment, and Cervantes, who has been trying to claim weekly benefits, has not heard back from the Oregon Employment Department since she was laid off.

Through GoFundMe, Cervantes and Martinez raised the \$7,500 they owed their landlord, including \$1,735 in rent and utilities for July, in just over a week. Martinez

says they shared the GoFundMe repeatedly online through Twitter and other social media accounts. They attribute the success of the campaign to donations from college kids, Black, Indigenous, people of color and people in the LGBTQIA community.

"It is a relief for sure, and we are really appreciative of it because honestly we didn't even think we were gonna make it," Martinez says.

But their crowdfunding campaign has not brought Cervantes and Martinez economic stability.

"It's just one less thing to worry about on top of all the other things we have to deal with," Cervantes says. "Yeah, we were able to get our rent paid off, but what do we do for jobs now?"

Affordable housing advocates say the extreme housing instability Cervantes and Martinez are experiencing is all too common during the COVID-19 economic shutdown,

which has only exacerbated the pre-pandemic housing crisis in Eugene. For residents of color, like Martinez, who is Chicanx, and Cervantes, who is Afro Latina, that crisis is compounded by systemic underinvestment and discrimination.

Kaarin Knudson, project lead at Better Housing Together, says the housing crisis in Eugene affects many middle- and lower-income households, but it particularly affects communities that have been financially neglected and discriminated against. "Our BIPOC [Black, Indigenous, people of color] neighbors face discrimination and structural inequalities that make a bad housing crisis worse," she tells *Eugene Weekly*.

Calls to the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association (SETA) tenant hotline have doubled in recent months from pre-COVID-19 levels, according to Tim Morris, SETA board president. "Renters are really concerned about

Working 9 to 5

FILLING A COMPLAINT WITH OSHA OR BOLI HELPS HOLD WORKPLACES ACCOUNTABLE

By Taylor Perse

In the last few weeks, people around Eugene have come forward with anonymous complaints about their local workplaces, sharing some of these stories and allegations on an Instagram profile called 86'd Eugene — a local iteration of a national group publishing allegations against local businesses and focusing on the service industry.

In addition to publicly airing these issues, many employees don't realize that if they have a workplace concern or complaint, they also have the option to officially document the complaint with Oregon agencies, leading to an investigation and, hopefully, change.

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) are the two state agencies handling complaints of employees who are treated poorly in the workplace or feel unsafe. Workers can file complaints about harassment, wage and hour violations and discrimination with BOLI and complaints about workplace safety — including COVID-19 concerns — with OSHA. These complaints are then officially documented and investigated.

One thing hindering employees from filing complaints is that they simply don't know the agencies exist or don't understand how these organizations work, and the resources that are available to workers if they want to take action.

"You have a right to a safe and healthy workplace and concerns," says Aaron Covin, a spokesperson for OSHA. OSHA, a national organization with local departments in

each state, handles complaints related to health hazards. For example, if a workplace isn't following COVID-19 related protocols, they can be reported to OSHA. Because of this, he says, they have been receiving an unusually high number of complaints throughout the last several months.

When filing a complaint, an online form and video instructions can walk you through how to fill in blanks. The employee will be asked to describe the hazard and location of the hazard, which can range from a physical address to a room inside a building.

Covin adds that OSHA complaints can be anonymous, but that there is a distinction between confidential and anonymous. If someone files a confidential complaint, OSHA can still follow up with that person to get more information and to discuss if changes have been made. If someone files anonymously, OSHA doesn't know who filed it and does not have the option of following up with the person.

"With anonymous complaints, we don't know you filed it with us," Covin says. "It's better in terms of information gathering if it's a confidential complaint." Regardless of whether a complaint is filed anonymously or confidentially, it still serves as a tip and an allegation, he explains.

When a complaint is filed, OSHA can then go look into the allegation and potentially do an inspection, depending on how the employer cooperates.

"The benefit of coming to us is that it is directly on our radar," Covin says. "You have taken a step to file with us. We will engage with the employer and the process begins."

But if someone has concerns and wants to take action

against discrimination or retaliation, their complaints should be filed with BOLI, which operates similarly. Jenny Smith, a spokesperson for BOLI, says the agency seeks to protect civil rights of workers.

In filing complaints with BOLI, employees can also remain anonymous. Once an investigation is opened up, BOLI will begin gathering evidence, then will identify people who may have been treated similarly and interview other workers.

Smith explains that working with BOLI is an official process as well as a legal proceeding, though lawyers aren't involved. She says it's up to the employee how they want to go about whistleblowing on their employers or workplace, but that BOLI exists to protect.

"We are there to enforce civil rights protections under our state," she says. Smith adds that BOLI is happy to help people understand the process and how to file a complaint. The end goal of a BOLI investigation is that behaviors of employers are corrected or wages are returned, if applicable.

Both Covin and Smith say an employee who accidentally places a complaint with the wrong agency will be contacted, so that the documentation goes to the right agency. If the tip was filed anonymously, it can also be passed along.

"Regardless of either situation, it gets in our system and we are going to follow-up," Covin says. ■

For more information on how to file a complaint with OSHA visit [OSHA Oregon.gov](https://www.osha-slc.org); For more information and to file a BOLI complaint visit [Oregon.gov/BOLI](https://www.boli.org).

losing their homes and trying to pay rent," Morris says.

In Eugene, 39 percent of all households are considered cost burdened by their housing, meaning more than 30 percent of their income goes to keeping a roof over their head, according to the 2020 Eugene-Springfield consolidated plan. The five year strategic plan for housing and community development shows that Black households are disproportionately represented among all households facing a severe cost burden for housing. Forty-two percent of Black households spend 50 percent or more of their income on housing costs.

Eric Richardson, executive director of Lane County NAACP, says a combination of factors make it challenging for some Black and low-income residents to find secure housing. Failures in the Oregon education system are high on his list — a 2017 report from Kairos PDX, a Portland-based nonprofit organization focused on serving under-represented students, shows 61 percent of Black high-school students graduated in 2016.

Richardson says the combination of job discrimination, Oregon's lack of support for Black students, and a tight housing and job market have wide implications: "You are going to find that those people are going to be the ones having the hardest time finding appropriate housing, or they are the ones spending too much on housing just to live here."

Martinez and Cervantes say microaggressions related

to gender identity and skin color have contributed to their job and housing insecurity and affected their mental health. In the pilot episode of their podcast, *Weirdo Alert*, Cervantes describes how the negative treatment she faced made her feel sick to her stomach with anxiety before her restaurant shifts.

Richardson says disparities in the cost burden faced by different residents affect how they are able to engage in the community. Residents who have to pay more than 50 percent of their income to cover housing costs won't be able to participate in "the façade of middle-class America" — going to the mall, buying books at bookstores, and seeing a movie at a movie theatre.

"You may go to certain spaces in our community where you just don't see people of color because they don't have the disposable income to be in those spaces," Richardson says. "So that creates segregation."

In the long term, Richardson says, "lessening racism and distrust in our community will allow more people of color to engage and thrive."

Knudson says implementing long-term affordable housing strategies, such as House Bill 2001, passed by the Legislature in 2019, will eventually help equalize housing disparities.

"I'm hopeful that as we address this new chapter in our housing crisis, it gives us a stronger will to implement the housing policies and reach the goals we've

had for many years because it's needed more than ever," Knudson says.

In the short term, the state has taken a number of measures to assist renters. In May, Oregon Housing and Community Services distributed \$8.5 million in rent assistance to action agencies across the state to assist Oregonians struggling to pay rent during the COVID-19 crisis, according to the state news website.

In late June, the state distributed \$70 million to local organizations in Oregon to support rental relief and energy assistance. The state-wide eviction moratorium has also been extended until Sept. 30 and provides renters the opportunity to pay back their rent until March 31, 2021. Lane County also recently offered rent assistance program through the CARES Act.

Cervantes and Martinez are waiting to receive rent assistance through Centro Latino Americano. In mid-July, Martinez was hired to work at a restaurant preparing food. Cervantes is still job searching.

Both roommates made use of their free time during the pandemic to get creative. Cervantes says, "I've been playing around with a music program." Before getting the job, Martinez was busy too. "I've been drawing more, reading more." ■

*Martinez and Cervantes' podcast, *Weirdo Alert*, is available on SoundCloud under their account, *Lucy and Justice*. The pilot episode is called "Work Injustices We've Faced Living in Oregon."*

Pedaling Along

BLM COULD ALLOW LOGGING IN THURSTON HILLS AS SOON AS MID-SEPTEMBER, BUT CASCADIA WILDLANDS IS FIGHTING THE PROPOSAL

By Henry Houston

On a warm and sunny Friday, July 17, eight people met outside the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in Springfield.

With a freshly painted banner proclaiming “Save Thurston Hills” and holding signs like “Clearcuts=Wildfires,” protesters stood outside the U.S. National Guard Armory, where the BLM’s office is located. They waved as cars entered and exited the gates, and some protesters said they were hoping they’d see the agency’s local field manager, Becca Brooke, leaving.

Hours earlier, the federal agency said it was moving forward with a timber sale after publishing protest responses. The BLM says it has listened to community responses to the project also known as Pedal Power and has plans to mitigate increased logging traffic, slash pile burning and fire hazards.

But Eugene-based nonprofit conservation group Cascadia Wildlands says it will keep fighting the project because it poses a threat to neighbors.

At the July 17 Zoom press conference, Brooke said the logging roads are already built for Seneca timber, and it could start logging by mid-September. There are also 8.5 miles of new trails planned for as early as fall 2022, and the BLM will work with groups like the mountain biking Disciples of Dirt, as well as Springfield’s Willamalane Parks and Recreation District.

At the press conference, acting Northwest Oregon Manager David Howell said logging at Thurston Hills will take place on 194 of the 394 acres and will leave behind 15 percent of the trees. A BLM official added that new trees planted after logging could help the area have more mature standing trees that aren’t compromised by shadows of larger trees. The BLM calls it a regeneration harvest, but opponents call it a clearcut.

Brooke said that she granted one protest point: that the

trees and limbs that had fallen from the 2019 snowstorm are not Seneca timber company’s property.

In granting the protest point, the agency will identify snags and downed wood created in the snowstorm, as well as any created up to May 18, 2020, and leave it on site. The agency will modify its timber sale contract with Seneca for the decrease in volume, according to the agency’s response.

Besides playing an important role for forest creatures and the ecosystem of the forest, the issue of whether Seneca owns the snags is a part of a larger problem, says Nick Cady, legal director of Cascadia Wildlands. Cady says that BLM granting that protest point exposes a fundamental flaw: that the federal agency didn’t actually reconsider its plans after U.S. District Judge Michael McShane remanded the case in 2019.

“When a court remands something back to the BLM, they have to fully reconsider it. They can’t just make a few changes and reauthorize it,” he says. “They believed that it was all legally Seneca Jones’ property, but now they admit that assumption was wrong.”

He adds that the BLM granting the protest point to those snags sheds light on a fundamental mistake that carries throughout the rest of the project.

Eugene Weekly met with BLM officials at the project site, which begins about less than a half mile from Highway 126. On the steep road up, you pass several houses.

While at the project site, Brooke says the agency will notify residents in the area when logging trucks will travel on the road, and although the logging process will be up to Seneca timber because it has one and a half years to do so, cutting down trees could be done in a one-shot period.

And the agency will exercise caution when conducting controlled burns because the area is smoke sensitive, says Eric Johnson is deputy fire staff officer for the Northwest Oregon Interagency Fire Management Organization. He

says the agency will OK burning on a stormy day when the wind blows the smoke away from residents who live near the site.

But Cady says the BLM has a history of leaving slash burn piles with coverings for years that have become tattered as the agency waits for the ideal weather for burning. Because Pedal Power is so close to town, burning a slash pile can easily violate air quality standards, he adds.

“In an area like Thurston Hills where it’s right next to people’s property, there’s no room for error,” he says.

And there are still old slash piles from four to five years ago along Highway 58, where the right weather conditions for burning still haven’t happened, he says. Having these unburned slash piles then poses a fire risk, he adds.

Johnson says fires in the area near the Thurston Hills site are more likely to start from below, from neighbors mowing dry grass on a hot day to vehicles dragging chains on the highway. To curb the likelihood of fire, Johnson says Pedal Power neighbors should maintain their yards, clear their gutters, not do backyard burning and more.

Cady says the BLM is asking too much of neighbors of the project. Although minimizing fire threat is necessary when living in rural areas, residents who live near the Thurston Hills project live in an urban area.

Before Seneca can log the area, there is a 30-day period during which people can challenge the agency’s protest responses.

Cady says Cascadia Wildlands will file an appeal with the Interior Board of Land Appeals. The board’s chief administrative judge, Jason Hill, was appointed this year by Department of the Interior Secretary David Bernhardt.

The board has 45 days to issue a response, and if there is no response, Cady says the nonprofit will file a restraining order and federal lawsuit to try and stop the project.

“We’re going to do everything we can do to keep it from being logged,” Cady says. ■

STAR Wars

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON JULY 27 ABOUT PUTTING A NEW VOTING SYSTEM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

By Taylor Griggs

Advocates for the STAR (Score, Then Automatic Runoff) voting system have been working for years to change the current “choose one” system that they say has contributed to polarized two-party politics across the nation.

Next week, after years of work pushing for STAR voting in Lane County, the team might get another chance to have its measure on the ballot — if the Eugene City Council says yes.

“‘Choose one only’ is why we have a two-party, polarized process,” says Mark Frohnmayer, founder of Eugene’s Equal Vote Coalition and STAR Voting Action. “Anytime there is more than one candidate in a race, you’re at a significant disadvantage if you like more than one candidate. It should get better if you like more than one candidate!”

The STAR system would allow voters to score

candidates from zero to five, taking the two candidates with the highest scores to the next round. This would eliminate the “spoiler effect” — sometimes called the “Nader” effect — in which you vote for a candidate you don’t favor because you don’t want to split your party’s vote and end up with George W. Bush or Donald Trump.

STAR voting was on the Lane County ballot in 2018 and was narrowly shot down, with a lot of undervotes indicating that voters didn’t understand the measure. Frohnmayer says that with more education and awareness about what the new voting system means, he thinks it would win.

The problem now is getting the measure back on the ballot. Less than a year after the November 2018 vote, supporters started organizing again with a signature campaign to get the measure out to voters in 2020.

To qualify for the May primaries, STAR supporters had to gather 8,091 signatures in favor of the measure by Oct.

14, and they gathered 10,406 supporters. When checking the report, however, Lane County found the campaign was short, flagging and rejecting people whose signatures on the campaign didn’t seem to match the ones that the county had on file.

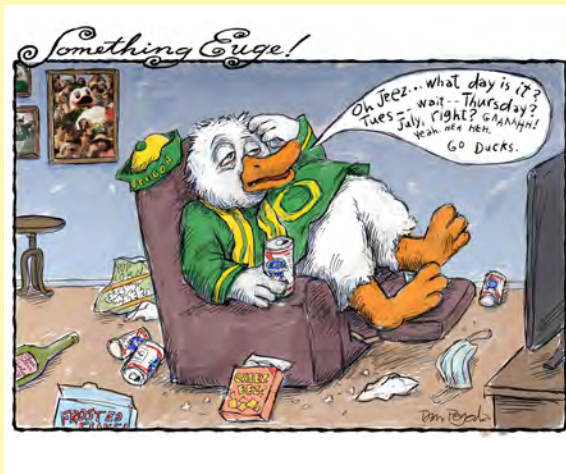
The STAR team submitted 31 notarized affidavits to Lane County from people whose signatures had been flagged to prove that they had enough valid support, but the county decided to pass the issue off to the city of Eugene. Since the measure wasn’t voted on in May, it is now up to the Eugene City Council to decide whether the measure will be on the November ballot. ■

The City Council vote has been delayed multiple times, but councilors are set to act on it at the 7:30 pm July 27 meeting. More information on how to watch the meeting and sign up to speak at the public forum at eugene-or.gov/3360/Webcasts-and-Meeting-Materials

slant

• On May 31, while Eugene Weekly staff writer Henry Houston was reporting on Black Lives Matter related protests, Eugene police officers hit him with a tear gas canister and shot him with pepper balls. As a result, the Civil Liberties Defense Center filed a lawsuit on his behalf on July 21, alleging the city of Eugene and the Eugene Police Department violated his First, Fourth and 14th Amendment rights — freedom of press, freedom from unreasonable seizures and equal protection of the law, respectively. As **the U.S. reckons with systemic racism and its police state, the impetus for this lawsuit is to change how policing is done in Eugene**, as people of color and minorities are most affected by poor police practices.

• The president is sending government law enforcement officers friendly to him to Portland thinking it will help him win in November. Federal forces have pulled people into unmarked cars, targeted protesters with tear gas and beaten a Navy veteran with batons. Local and state officials don't want Trump and his security force here, but the feds refuse to leave. The Oregon attorney general, two legislators, a Portland church and a nonprofit that tracks extremist groups have filed legal actions against our federal government, and the U.S. attorney for Oregon has opened an investigation. The “naked Athena” doing yoga to scare off law enforcement and the amazing “Wall of Moms” to protect the protesters have brought just as much media attention to Oregon as the feds’ bad behavior — and we hear from former Mayor Kitty Piercy that she’s down to join a “Wall of Grandmas”



if someone organizes it. But **let’s not forget in the fray of protest and resistance what this is all about — Black Lives Matter and Defund the Police.** Here in Eugene, protests and rallies against systemic racism continue, as well as celebrations of Black lives. Keep paying attention.

• Sometimes **a political response is so powerful and important that it calls for constant repetition.** That’s how we felt about Vice President Joe Biden’s response to President Donald Trump’s refusal to say he would abide by the results of the November election. The Biden campaign: “The American people will decide this election. And the United States government is perfectly capable of escorting trespassers out of the White House.”

• For the last four years, **local basketball has been dominated by one name: Sabrina Ionescu.** But before Ionescu dominated at the University of Oregon, local basketball was defined by the name Mercedes Russell, one of the most dominant high schoolers ever, let alone at Springfield High. And now we get to watch these two talents on TV the morning of Saturday, July 25, when the Seattle Storm faces off against the New York Liberty as the WNBA kicks off its season!

• **What we’re reading:** From *The Orchid Thief* to *The Library Book*, we love author and journalist Susan Orlean. But we have never loved her more than when she unleashed a drunken pandemic tweet storm on July 14, complaining about her cat, having no candy except fennel seeds and proclaiming gems such as “Ok a newborn colt rocks it totally and he thought my hand was his mom. It was not. He has tasted life’s infinite tragedy. As I mentioned Earlier I am inebriated.” And “I am goi f to sleep. My husband has asked me five hundred rimes@if I am alright. That means it’s go to sleep o’clock.” COVID-19 or not, we have all been there, but perhaps not so divinely and winely eloquent.

• The **University of Oregon is planning to return to in-person instruction for fall term.** We wonder what that will do to the COVID-count in this community when students, faculty and staff — all masked, of course — return for the Sept 25-28 Week of Welcome and classes beginning Sept 29? As for one of the fall rituals, Duck football, we only know for sure that the Ohio State game has been canceled, leaving a big hole in the sportsball budget. As for what happens next, change seems to be the only constant.

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Forgotten Murder

A 20-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS STABBED TO DEATH IN FLORENCE

OVER A VIRAL FACEBOOK POST IN A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY *By Donny Morrison*

About a week before he was murdered, 20-year-old Damien DeTar told his brother and his girlfriend that he was ready to slow down.

He'd been arrested in Florence the month before for meth possession and burglary and spent eight days in jail. It seemed he knew his time was running out. Damien told them that he wanted to quit using, that one day he wanted to own a house and raise a family. He seemed serious this time.

Both of Damien's parents and two of his closest siblings had struggled with addiction during his childhood. They were clean now — and all living in separate states — except for Damien, who had first tried quitting meth at age 16. Damien had big green eyes and shaggy, black hair. By all accounts he was a funny, curious kid, who became passionate talking about music or debating politics.

Damien was stabbed to death a little after midnight on May 29 in the living room of a trailer he'd been staying at with his girlfriend, Kristin Hanson. After a brief manhunt, 32-year-old Gregory Cross was arrested later that day and lodged in the Lane County Jail on second degree murder charges. As of press time, Cross is still detained at the county jail.

Witnesses to the murder say that Cross stabbed Damien after claiming that the victim had been outed as a federal informant in a viral Facebook post from October 2019.

Damien wasn't even old enough to buy a pack of cigarettes at the time he was killed. Friends and family say he wasn't an aggressive person and didn't have any enemies. After his death his name never appeared in the paper or online.

No one planned to write about the untimely death of a drug-addicted kid.

Googling Damien DeTar's name only brings up past mugshots and a link to a small article about a burglary he was arrested for in April. Damien's nonviolent crime garnered more attention than his actual death.

Aside from the murder, several people close to Damien allege that Cross had been involved in at least two unreported violent crimes in Florence in the past three months. According to information on Oregon Crime News, Cross had finished serving time in Lane County Jail for a parole violation only eight days before Damien's murder.

Moments after Damien was stabbed, Hanson called for an ambulance — but it never showed up — and by the time she loaded him into the back of a small sedan and raced him to the hospital, he was already dead.

Ready to Die

Damien was always preserving his thoughts as if he was in fear that they would slip away. He was a voracious writer, filling countless notebooks with lyrics, poetry and musings. Often he'd write about his own demise; he felt he could see death coming and welcomed it. On Facebook he talked nonchalantly about wanting to end his life, saying that his dog, Calypso, or Cally, was the only thing that was keeping him alive and breathing.

Damien was born in Arizona in January 2000. The family relocated to Oregon when Damien was 5. His parents eventually split, with his mother moving to Washington state and his father to Ohio, but he and his older sister, Brianna DeTar, stayed in Florence, moving in with an uncle.

Damien's family — including his sister in Arizona, father in Ohio and mother in Washington state — created a GoFundMe to try and raise the money needed to get back to Florence for Damien's celebration of life. They almost didn't make the trip.

"None of us had enough money," Brianna says. "I was so surprised when people pitched in and we reached our goal."

Addiction ran rampant in the DeTar clan, with the majority of Damien's close family having used meth at some point. Brianna calls it hereditary. Their uncle was an alcoholic who didn't like kids much. Their dad was still looking for work while recovering from surgery and didn't have a place for them to stay.

"We moved out here, and that's when things got kind of rocky for us. We spent a lot of time in our rooms," Brianna says. "We were best friends growing up. He's the reason why I knew I wanted to be a mom. I helped raise him, in a sense."

Brianna says Damien used to get migraines from the smell of their uncle's moldy house. She says he used to make them stay in their rooms for long periods of time and wouldn't let them come out.

"There was one time I tried to run away with Damien," Brianna says. "I packed us up a bag and we went and sat out on the porch. I was thinking of a plan. I wanted to take care of him, so that we could grow up and be OK. I was 5 or 6 and he was 3."

Brianna left as soon as she could. At age 14, she had her first job and moved away from home. She lives in Arizona now and doesn't visit Florence often. Damien, too, made his own attempts at escaping the small coastal town, living for a time with his mother in Washington state. Brianna says he was different when he came back, having been negatively affected by the influence of some of his cousins.

Damien never had a stable home life or positive role models. He was never encouraged to graduate high school or pursue education. He started stealing and using drugs at a young age, sure, but even early on he expressed a desire to get sober. When he was 15, he moved across the country to stay with his dad, Robert DeTar, in Ohio. Damien was attempting to escape the drugs and the

crime that had engulfed his life in Florence. In Ohio, he got a job in fast food.

"As soon as he was old enough he went to work," Robert says. "Started at Burger King, moved on to Taco Bell. He always worked and was willing to help the family. But he had a tendency to run a little wild. Cops would call me in the middle of the night and say he was out past curfew. Typical teenage stuff for the most part."

But Damien didn't have all the tools to be successful. The structure school provides was replaced by part-time, minimum wage work. There was little guidance, and he was once again led astray. For a kid who never knew stable, consistent housing, it's no surprise he found solace in the streets. It's no surprise that he stole and got high to survive. What's more surprising is the repeated attempts he made to change his life. What's tragic is he didn't live long enough to make that happen.

In 2017, on the eve of his 18th birthday, Damien asked to move back to Florence, hoping for a fresh start in a familiar city. He transferred his job at Taco Bell, and he moved in with his older brother. It was the last time his father would see him.

"We spoke a couple times. Not a lot," Robert says.

Damien liked being back in Florence and liked earning his own money. That summer, the house he lived in with his brother and a friend, Warren Brownlee, became infested with rats. The brothers set rat traps, but there were just too many running around for them to be effective. That's when Damien proved to be a worthy addition to the house, according to Brownlee.

"I woke up at 1 o'clock in the morning to use the bathroom, and there's Damien laying still on the floor with his dog, Calypso," Brownlee says. "And he's holding a samurai sword. I ask him, 'What the hell are you doing?' and he says, 'I'm waiting for that rat!'"

Nowhere To Go

Kristin Hanson has lived in Florence her whole life. She's tall and skinny, with brightly colored hair. She talks fast and is quick to laugh. She first met Damien almost seven years ago, after her little brother befriended him in high school.



Illustration by Chelsea Lovejoy

“He was so gentle and nice,” Hanson says. “He was very wise for his age.”

Hanson and Damien reconnected near the end of 2019, after she noticed him walking around Florence in the middle of winter. At the time, he had on a giant cast after breaking his wrist trying to punch yet another rat that had crawled on him while sleeping. She gave him a place to stay with her among a cluster of trailers on the outskirts of Florence. They were soon inseparable.

Hanson’s trailer is on North Loftus road, heading towards the Pacific Ocean just off Highway 101. It’s a quiet, residential road lined with cozy looking beach houses. In the absence of street lights, the road becomes nearly pitch black at night. There’s nothing essential within walking distance and no real reason to be there unless you live nearby.

“He brought me roses every day,” Hanson says. “Told me I was beautiful like a million times a day. We were only together for eight months. I didn’t realize how much he loved me until I read his journals.”

Before moving in with Hanson, Damien was caught using meth again and had been kicked out of his brother’s house. Both Hanson and Damien had been in trouble with the law in the past, most recently in April, when they had attempted to steal from someone’s house what the police report called “a bunch of weird little oddities, a small chainsaw, welding mask and a shotgun.”

Those closest to Damien say the arrest seemed like a turning point for him. He didn’t want to keep using drugs, and he wanted to move out of the trailer. He was getting tired of having nowhere to go.

“Five days before he died, he told me, ‘Living here, doing what we do, it isn’t going to last forever,’” Hanson says.

Damien had continued: “I want a family, and kids someday. We need to get our shit together.”

The Look In His Eyes

“So it was like six hours before,” Hanson says. “I remember I was just lying on his chest. I was like, ‘You motherfucker, I’m falling so in love with you.’”

Damien and Hanson had spent the majority of May 28 combing the coast for agates and crystals. Rock hunting, as Hanson calls it, was one of their favorite things to do together. They’d spend hours walking along the ocean searching for rare stones and precious crystals. Their findings could be seen decorating the outside of Hanson’s trailer.

“There’s phenomenal agates and crystals if you go where the river systems meet the ocean,” Hanson says. “You can even find opals. I still have his bag from that day.”

When they got home, Hanson says, she made burritos for dinner and some friends stopped by, as did Gregory Cross.

It’s unclear if Cross came to the trailer that day specifically to stab Damien, or if it was a terrible coincidence that this Damien shared the name of a man referenced as a “snitch” in a Facebook post from Kentucky.

Cross was born in 1988. He grew up in Douglas County and by 2016 he’d racked up a criminal record that included convictions for assault, strangulation, burglary, identity theft and meth possession, among other crimes. His Facebook profile picture for two separate accounts is an image of him posing behind bars, clad in Oregon State Prison denim. He did about four years at OSP before getting out in 2019.

Cross is blond with green eyes and a military-style haircut. He’s well-built, muscular and tattooed in the way habitually incarcerated men sometimes are. The acronym “FBK” is tattooed in large Old English lettering across his lower chest, standing for “Fat Bitch Killers,” a well-known white supremacist gang that originated in the Oregon prison system, according to a Multnomah County gang assessment from 2014.

Cross was most recently arrested on April 27 for a parole violation, spending 23 days in Lane County Jail. He was released eight days before Damien’s May 29 murder. Oregon State Police say that criminal charges were brought against Cross related to the parole violation and

referred it to Coos County. Citing the fact that the case is still open, they refused to release records as to why Cross was arrested and then released after 23 days.

Hanson says that Cross showed up earlier in the night, but that she didn’t let him in her trailer. She says he’d been arguing with other people in the trailer park and that she’d asked him to leave, but he wouldn’t.

“He just had this look that really scared me,” Hanson says. “I was scared of telling him to leave so I invited him in. I said ‘Hi, I’m Kristin,’ and then Damien comes up and says ‘Hey, I’m Damien, nice to meet you.’”

Then, she says, Cross said to Damien, “What did you say your name was?”

A friend of Hanson’s, Michael Light, was also there that night. After meeting Damien, Light says that Cross asked the group if Damien was a federal informant.

“Damien just blew it off,” Light says. “He wasn’t that person. He didn’t feel like he had anything to worry about.”

They all walked through the pitch-black trailer park that was no bigger than a few broken down trailers. It was just past midnight, and Hanson planned to borrow a neighbor’s pipe so that everyone could smoke pot together. They gathered around a small coffee table, where Cross allegedly began to act strangely.

“I was on guard. He made me feel very uneasy,” Light says.

According to both Hanson and Light, this is when Cross jumped up, unprovoked, and stabbed Damien in the heart one time with a small switchblade. Hanson says Damien had been sitting cross-legged on the ground, scratching off a lottery ticket at the time of the stabbing. He was defenseless, staring towards the ground when he was attacked.

“He jumps off the couch. He just lunges at him. I looked over at Damien and he was holding his heart. And then he goes, ‘He fucking stabbed me!’” she says, “I grab my baseball bat and go running outside, but Greg was already gone.”

Everyone except Hanson fled the trailer, including Light. Damien put his arms out and fell to his knees eventually, and he began bleeding out. Hanson held Damien in her arms as she called 911, before realizing they weren’t going to make it in time. Hanson then decided to load Damien’s lifeless body into a friend’s car and drive him to the hospital herself.

She says he was dead by the time they got there.

“He was kind and sweet, he was my everything, and now he is gone just because some insane asshole had a knife and had been told wrong information.”

The hospital told Hanson to stay, but she snuck out and began walking home. She was eventually picked up by a neighbor near the Dairy Queen on Highway 101 and given a ride the rest of the way to her trailer. The police were there when she got back. Hanson says that anyone still at the scene was placed in a neighboring trailer, without masks, in the middle of a pandemic; there were nine people in total with hardly enough room to move.

“And they kept us in there all night, sending cops in to get our stories and whatnot. But they allowed us to go back in there at like 8 o’clock the next morning.”

When Hanson got back to her trailer, there was blood everywhere. Hanson says the police made no attempt to clean up the crime scene, and actually ended up making more of a mess.

Witnesses to the murder report feeling confused and shocked as to the motive. It wasn’t until the next day that a screenshot on a Facebook post from October 2019 began floating around their community, with rumors that Cross had stabbed Damien over a case of mistaken identity.

In the post, which originated from Kentucky, a woman posts a picture of a man she says is named Damien Wilson, warning her friends and followers that he’s a “snitch” in a drug case, and to not do business with him.

Aside from sharing a first name, the similarities between Damien and the so-called informant from Facebook end there.

It’s unclear how the post traveled to Cross’s community in Florence. Nobody familiar with the murder had ever

heard of this other Damien. The woman who posted it had no idea there was a murder in Oregon connected to her post and refused to comment when reached by *Eugene Weekly*.

Cross seemed to be unraveling in the months leading up to the murder. In late February, the cops were called to a disturbance happening at the Beachcomber, a popular bar in downtown Florence. Melissa Stahel was both the manager and bartender on duty that night.

“He came in and walked right behind my bar, obviously distraught,” Stahel says. “He was clammy and sweaty and clearly having an episode.”

Stahel says Cross became defensive when she picked up the phone and attempted to call police, snatching the phone from her hands. While customers and an off-duty bartender tried calming him down, Cross allegedly pushed his way into the kitchen and attempted to grab a knife.

“He never got a hold of the knife or attempted to stab anyone,” Stahel says. “When the cops showed up, he calmly and willingly got cuffed and walked out of our establishment. I don’t know if he was arrested or taken in to detox that night.”

Several people who knew Cross say that he was also involved in at least two other unreported violent crimes in the weeks before Damien’s murder.

On Facebook, five days before Damien’s murder, Cross posted a long rant threatening violence to anybody speaking his name.

“Check yourself before it’s too late and you find yourself praying to a God for repentance.”

Nobody Really Wins

While a GoFundMe allowed Damien’s family to come to his wake, back in 2019, DeTar created his own GoFundMe to try and raise money to visit his mom. But nobody donated.

His celebration of life was under a small gazebo at Woahink Lake outside Florence. It was a sunny day, and more than 40 people showed up. For a family now spread across the country, the event doubled as a reunion of sorts.

Everyone stood around talking, drinking and eating until the official ceremony started. Damien’s family set out a series of plastic shot glasses that looked like mini red solo cups. Some were filled with whiskey, some with soda and some with water for the kids. Everybody gathered around to share stories about Damien, but only a few people spoke.

There were stories about Damien stealing cigarettes and eating frozen bacon. Everyone laughed looking downward as they remembered. Some filled their plastic shot glasses once more and continued drinking; others cried, and still others quietly excused themselves.

Friends and family agree that Damien was troubled. He used drugs and he stole. He could be rash and self-destructive to those trying to help him. He could afford to throw it all away because he never had anything to lose in the first place.

He was intensely loyal to his family. He was polite and kind. Those who knew him say he’d never hurt a fly. A rat, maybe, but anything else wasn’t in his nature.

Damien was always searching for something. A place to sleep, a place to eat. Somewhere he belonged.

He slept in houses infested with rats from a young age but never lost hope. His journals were filled with plans for the future. He talked about being grateful for the family he had. He talked about having a family of his own one day. He wrote as a way to escape the physical world he inhabited.

He was resilient. He learned to take care of himself, and he learned to trust other people, even after growing up the way he did.

Hanson and Damien’s dog, Calypso, still live in the same trailer. Next to her bed, she has the Oregon Lottery ticket Damien was holding when he was stabbed. It’s a \$2 king-size crossword puzzle, where you match your scratched letters to a filled out crossword, trying to make full words for a cash prize.

“I don’t know if it’s a winner,” Hanson says. “I never will.” ■

what's happening

GENERAL

LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ACTIVIST ALERT Thursday, July 23: CLDC: Radical Roots of Mutual Aid Webinar, online, 3pm.

Saturday, July 25: Black Lives Matter Story Time, 10am, location TBA.

Sunday, July 26: Weekly BI-POC Support Group, 10am, location TBA.

Thursday, July 30: CLDC: SLAPP Suits for Activists — What You Need to Know, online, 3pm.

ONLINE MEETINGS FOR 12-STEP PROGRAMS Al-Anon Anonymous meetings can be found at AlaNonLaneor.us.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings can be found at EviAaweb.org.

Co-Dependents Anonymous meetings can be found at Coda.org.

Debtors Anonymous meetings can be found at OregonDebtorsAnonymous.org

Emotions Anonymous meetings can be found at EmotionsAnonymous.org.

Marijuana Anonymous meetings can be found at Marijuana-Anonymous.org.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings can be found at na.org.

Overeaters Anonymous meetings can be found at oa.org.

Refuge Recovery meetings can be found at RefugeRecovery.org.

HEALTH Zoom classes at YMCA.org.

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios Facebook page.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

KIDS/FAMILY Jr. Day Camps (thru July 31), 9am-3pm, Garden Way Church, 231 North Garden Way. \$125 per week.

NAACP: Free Daily Cultural Camp for kids (thru July 31), 10am-2pm, Mims House, 330 High St.

ONLINE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT Explore.org, live cams from around the world.

Oregon State Parks, Nature: Live in Your Family Room, OregonStateParks.org.

OMSI Live stream events. Short notice on these events. More info at OMSI Facebook page.

“Springfield Public Library - Where Minds Grow,” Springfield Public Library YouTube channel.

ONLINE EXHIBITS Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Jsma.Uoregon.edu.

Karin Clarke Gallery, KarinClarkeGallery.com.

Maude Kerns Art Center, MkCenter.org.

White Lotus Gallery, WLotus.org.

NON-ONLINE EXHIBITS Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield. More info at EmeraldArtCenter.org.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES Classes and programs online w/ Museum of Natural & Cultural History (UO), MNCH.Uoregon.edu. Opportunities at Extension. OregonState.edu. Oregon State University Extension Service.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE FANS on Relix.com. Some streams FREE, others cost. More info at Relix.com.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, via Zoom. Meetings can be found at BlueCliffZen.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

GATHERINGS Neighborhood Leaders Council Committee on Housing & Homelessness, 12 pm.

River Song Cohousing Informational Meeting, 9am, RiverSongCohousing.org.

HEALTH NAMI Family Support Zoom group at NamiLane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

LIVE MUSIC Elena Leona Project, 7pm, beergarden.

Hank Shreve & Skip Jones, 7pm, Mac's Nightclub and Restaurant.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES Calming Yoga via Zoom, noon-1pm, RSVP at VistaPsych.com.

Creative Writing Series: Imaginative Temperament, 10-11am. More info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

Speak like a Business Leader, 6 pm -7 pm, Online. For more information visit Willamette.Score.Org.

Spread Peace, online support group, noon-1pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

Stay at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3:30pm, Oregon-State.edu.

Young Philosophers: A Gutenberg College Summer Experience, 8:30-2:30pm, Gutenberg College, 1883 University St. \$15.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE Eugene Symphony Orchestra Quirky Thursdays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

ON THE AIR “The Point,” 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM.

“Arts Journal,” 9pm, Comcast channel 29.

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

FILM Little Shop of Horrors Drive-in Movie, 9:30pm, Old Nick's Pub. \$8-15. More information at Facebook.com/OldNicksEugene.

LIVE MUSIC The Jimmy Haggard Band, 7pm, Mac's Nightclub & Restaurant.

Concrete Delta Trio, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards and Wine Company.

ONLINE FAMILY GATHERINGS Oregon Zoo Live, activities developed by an award-winning education team aimed at K-5, 9:30am, OregonZoo.org.

ONLINE GATHERINGS Eugene City Club (“Part 1: Accountability and Transparency in Law Enforcement”), noon, Eugene City Club Facebook Page. Also available on Monday, 7pm, on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES Creative Writing Series: Imaginative Temperament, 10-11am. More info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

Feldenkrais Awareness through Movement classes, 6pm. Info and RSVP at 541-636-8131.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE Eugene Symphony Orchestra Epic Fridays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

“Virtual Cinema” w/ Broadway Metro. More info at BroadwayMetro.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

FARMERS MARKETS Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Spencer Creek Growers Market, 10am-2pm, Spencer Creek Grange, 86013 Lorane Hwy.

FILM *House on Haunted Hill* Drive-in Movie 9:30pm, Old Nick's Pub. \$8-15. More information at Facebook.com/OldNicksEugene.

LIVE MUSIC Hank Shreve Concert to Benefit Habitat for Humanity, 6pm, \$10.

The Dr. Yeti Radio Show, 10pm, KOCF LP FM.

The Lloyd Tolbert Band, 7pm, Mac's Nightclub & Restaurant.

Geoffrey Mays, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards and Wine Company.

MARKETS Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-5pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

ON THE AIR The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.7 FM or streamed at KOCF.org.

The Institute of Spectra-Sonic Sound (new experimental, noise, drone, minimal music), 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM.

SPORTS Oregon Gran Fondo, 6:30am tentative start time, 7th & Main St., Cottage Grove. More info at GranFondoGuide.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

FARMERS MARKETS Dexter Lake Farmers Market, noon-4pm, Rolling Rock Park, Lowell.

HEALTH Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

While federal agents pull protesters into unmarked vans just an hour and a half to the north, the City Club of Eugene is bringing together some of the most influential voices in Eugene law enforcement to discuss police transparency and accountability. The first of this two-part series, “**Accountability and Transparency in Local Law Enforcement**,” will be held Friday, July 24, and will look at the current system of police oversight and potential deficits and opportunities for reform.

Included on the three-person panel will be **Eugene Police Auditor Mark Gissiner**, whose office is responsible for investigating all Eugene police misconduct reports. “Between us and the Civilian Review Board, we are the only ones on the outside that bear witness to what the police are doing and whether it’s right or wrong,” he says. While the police auditor's office investigates misconduct, it plays no role in disciplinary actions. In Oregon, all disciplinary histories of police officers are confidential.

Gissiner says he is excited to discuss ways both his office and the police can improve transparency and accountability in law enforcement.

University of Oregon professor Michael Hames-García and Black activist Isiah Wagoner will also be on the panel. Wagoner was the victim of a hit-and-run last month at a Black Unity children’s march.

The second program, “Alternatives to Policing: Reform in Law Enforcement” featuring Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner, Eugene-Springfield NAACP President Ibrahim Coulibaly and CAHOOTS co-founder David Zeiss, will take place July 3.

The discussions are at noon and will be live streamed on the City Club of Eugene Facebook Page. — *Joseph Cappelletti*

MARKETS Whiteaker Community Market, 11am-4pm, Scobert Park, 4th Ave & Blair Blvd.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL Eugene Insight Meditation Community via Zoom, 6:30pm. More info at EugeneInsight.com.

MONDAY, JULY 27

GATHERINGS Granny Rocks, 6:30pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

HEALTH NAMI Connection Peer Support Group at NamiLane.org, 6pm. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

KIDS/FAMILY Jr. Day Camps, 9am-3pm, Garden Way Church, 231 North Garden Way. \$125.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES Virtual STEM Summer Camp on Minecraft, 9am-12pm, \$37.50.

Creative Writing Series: Imaginative Temperament, 10-11am. More info and RSVP at OakHillSchool.com. \$80.

Musical Mondays (music education videos), 10am, Eugene Symphony Orchestra Facebook page.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30 pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$5.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

FARMERS MARKETS Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Lane County Farmers Market, E. 8th Ave & Oak St.

KIDS/FAMILY Jr. Day Camps, 9am-3pm, Garden Way Church, 231 North Garden Way. \$125.

LIVE MUSIC Rooster's Blues Jam, 7pm, Mac's Nightclub & Restaurant.

Acoustic Night on Taco Tuesdays, 6:30pm, The Dexter Lake Club.

ONLINE GATHERINGS Virtual Queer Town Hall, 9am, BasicRights.org.

Classic Tuesdays w/ Eugene Symphony Orchestra, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

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Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$5.

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Corwin Bolt and Ruxton Schuh, 7pm, PublicHouse.

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Confidence Bounce

EUGENE HIP-HOP SOUL SINGER ELENA LEONA RETURNS FOR HER FIRST SHOW SINCE THE PANDEMIC SHUT DOWN LIVE MUSIC

By Will Kennedy

July 23 marks a pair of firsts for Eugene musician Elena Leona: her first gig back since the coronavirus and her first performance since she quit drinking. “I don’t know how it’s going to go, to be honest,” Leona admits. “I feel like it’s going to be OK.”

Uncertain feelings about performing live are nothing new for the self-taught musician, who’s built a following playing post-hip-hop acoustic blues and soul music originals as **The Elena Leona Project**, accompanying herself rapping and singing with acoustic guitar, live-looping and pre-recorded beats.

Leona says she has struggled with stage fright since her first time on stage at an 8th-grade talent show. She calls the terror she feels on stage “crippling.” In the past, she managed her fears with alcohol, but she quit drinking early on in quarantine. At the time we spoke, she’d made it nearly 100 days alcohol-free.

Leona’s latest studio release, her *18* EP, came out last year. It features the first song Leona ever wrote, “Hey Baby,” with acoustic guitar and minimal digital percussion, showcasing Leona’s effortlessly soulful and confidently raw singing voice. There’s also some light reggae on the song “Infected.”

Born in Florence, Leona lived for a time in Michigan before moving to Eugene at the age of 15. She grew up listening to ’90s-era hip hop and R&B like TLC and Salt-N-Pepa as well as metal and pop-punk bands like Metallica and The Offspring. These influences merge, she says, in her guitar playing.

“When I do live loops,” she explains, “introducing my acoustic guitar, my rhythm, it seems more rock-y, and folksy and bluesy than it does hip hop. Then, if I put the beat on it and start rapping to it, it’s got this fusion going on.”

Leona was drawn to rap early on, but rap was only for the boys, or so she thought. “That’s not really true,” she quickly adds, “but that’s what it seemed like.” It turned out Leona could rap, of course; she was just too afraid.

Leona’s first release, 2018’s *Baby Steps* EP, is a straight-ahead hip-hop record, with songs like “BBW” about body positivity. In it, Leona rides the “B” in BBW with the signature bounce of ’90s-era rap’s golden age. While elsewhere, “I’m the Boss” could be a hustlin’ Cardi B jam.

Leona dabbled in writing her own material right away, but took a long time to build up the courage to perform any of her originals live. She continues to write, mixing autobiography with topical subjects, but inspiration comes and goes.



Courtesy of the artist

“I don’t want to be too much ‘I-I-I,’” she says, of her subject matter, and at the same time, she doesn’t want her music to lack what’s going on in the world.

“The music has to have a certain vibe or feeling,” she continues. “If I’m not in that mood I can’t write to it. Sometimes a song can be complete in under 24-hours, but sometimes it takes — ah, shoot, I’m still sitting on choruses that haven’t been put to stuff.”

Leona is currently working with a producer on new material with a “digital cosmic hip-hop R&B sound,” she says, something like Erykah Badu or Ms. Lauryn Hill. She’s also started coaching a young Eugene musician on her stage presence and self-confidence.

The irony of someone who suffers so badly from stage fright providing pointers on stage presence is not lost on Leona. It does prove, though, that just like songwriting, the best teaching material is often lived experience.

It’s all advice she could direct back toward herself, Leona says, adding: “I know what I’m talking about.”

And is she nervous about performing mid-pandemic? “Wear your masks,” she says. ■

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Post-Pandemic Performance

FORMER OSF HEAD BILL RAUCH TALKS ZOOM, MAKING NEW ARTS WORLD CONNECTIONS
AND WHAT THE NEW NORMAL MIGHT MEAN FOR LIVE THEATER

By Bob Keefer

In the theater world, timing is everything, as Bill Rauch certainly knows. The visionary who ran the Oregon Shakespeare Festival for a decade moved to New York City last year to become founding artistic director of the Ronald O. Perelman Performing Arts Center, a \$275 million complex under construction next to Ground Zero that's projected to open in spring 2023.

He, his husband, Christopher Liam Moore, and their two children arrived in the city in August. In March, when New York closed down, the family fled to Massachusetts to Moore's childhood home. Rauch and family were still living there when *Eugene Weekly* called in late June to get an update on his life and work, but they headed back to their lower Manhattan apartment in early July.

Have you been able to keep working from Massachusetts?

Oh, yes. I'm in meetings for the Perelman pretty much 9 am to 5 or 6 [pm] every day. I've learned more about Zoom than I ever dreamed possible.

The Perelman will present much more than just theater, yes?

That's correct. It's music, dance, chamber opera and theater. So it's all performing arts. That was both what attracted me to the job and terrified me. It would mean learning new disciplines to program.

What is your mission going to be with the Perelman?

It's really to build connections across disciplines. It won't surprise you, knowing about my 20 years at Cornerstone [Theatre Company, which Rauch and Moore founded in Los Angeles in 1986] and my 12 years at OSF that I'm deeply interested in the question of community and how we can really celebrate lots of different types of communities in our building and connect the dots between the people who live in New York City now and where they and their forebears came from in other parts of the world.

Is it much of a culture shock to be back in New York after life in Ashland?

We all miss Ashland, we all miss Oregon, we all miss OSF, for sure. We were just starting to really get settled when the world changed.

What do you think that change is going to mean for you at the Perelman, to Ashland and to theater in general?

I'll answer your questions separately. We certainly assume that by 2023 we will — well, we hope there'll be a vaccine. But you know, how audiences experience life and culture will have changed in ways that we can begin to guess but we won't fully know.

In some ways you're in a brilliant position at the Perelman because you have not opened yet and you have time to sort this out.

That's right. And, you know, that's going to mean everything from, are there ways that our building can be more responsive to the needs of a post-pandemic society, right on to thinking about our programming.

Like every non nonprofit, you know, we're worried about the economics of a nonprofit organization, right?



Courtesy Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Everybody has to be, given all that's happened.

I'm of course in active communication with a lot of my friends from OSF and with Nataki [Garrett, who succeeded Rauch as OSF artistic director]. I think OSF is incredibly blessed to have her as its leader right now, because she's such a strong leader and she's so visionary. And I think OSF is being very smart in terms of staying in communication with its constituency digitally. You know, OSF has been through an awful lot of challenges, and the pandemic is just the latest.

It's been a hard stretch, but I'm very confident in OSF's strength and resilience.

On the broader question of theater in general, do you see any glimmers of what changes might be in store?

Well, the confluence of the pandemic and the movement for racial justice going on in this country — I think that that together offers a really important reset moment for the performing arts in terms of prioritizing equity in a thoughtful way.

Digital work — not just how we capture live performance and share it, but also original-content digital work — will be increasingly important. I think digital artistic output will just be more and more something that live performing arts organizations need to traffick in. There's a great

potential for greater access, you know. For instance, with Ashland, for people who can't travel to Ashland for whatever reason, there are going to be ways to connect to its work. And I think that will be true of the Perelman and of so many organizations.

Do you know of anyone writing good work about the pandemic?

I think there's all sorts of interesting work. There's a creator named Joshua William Gelb who's created something called *Theater in Quarantine*, and he's literally been doing video of theater works in a little tiny closet in his apartment in New York. He's delightful. And his work is delightful!

And are you getting pestered by Ashland friends who would like you to hire them?

We are all in a severe holding pattern waiting to see what's going to happen. Chris and I went to a wedding of some former members of the acting company a couple of years ago, and there's a huge OSF community in New York, so many performers and others who have been part of the OSF family who live in New York. So I think that there's going to be lots of relationships continuing in many, many different kinds of ways in the years ahead on the West coast and the East coast. ■

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5 Twitch streamer, often
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13 Drink brand with a lizard logo
14 San Antonio mission, with "the"
15 Rescue team, briefly
17 Pictures of surrealist Joan's work?
19 Fortnite company
20 One way to sit by
21 "And here's to you, ___ Robinson ..."
22 Arrange alphabetically
23 Mountaineer's vocalization
25 Manzarek of The Doors
26 Stereotypical person who might demand to speak to the manager of this puzzle
27 End of Wikipedia's URL
28 Sound from a meadow

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31 Villain who only wears his purple suspenders and "W" hat two days at a time?
35 California city near Stockton
36 Muralist Rivera
37 "Won't do it"
41 Comedy duo of scientist Marie and singer Burf?
44 It may be served in a spear
47 Bonding words
48 Sixth sense, supposedly
49 Got up
50 Baha ___ ("Who Let the Dogs Out" group)
52 Element #5
54 Cruise destination
55 Die maximum, usually
56 Rapidly disappearing storage medium
57 Actress Kendrick of the

Quibi series "Dummy"
58 Program again onto an antiquated computer storage format?
62 Bank's property claim
63 Last letter in the Greek alphabet
64 Rival of Visa or MC
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66 Intro show
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5 No longer fresh, as venison
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7 Igneous rock, once
8 Abrasive manicure substance
9 Monica's brother on

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10 Chef Boyardee product that had to be renamed for a "Seinfeld" episode
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12 "Whose Line ..." comic Ryan
16 What some dryer sheets have
18 "Well ___!" ("Fancy that!")
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24 Cookie that released an egg-shaped version for Easter 2019
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38 Defeat
39 Chilean cash
40 "Pardon the Interruption" network
42 Glob or nod ending
43 "The Many Loves of ___ Gillis"
44 Vatican-related
45 Like some twists of fate
46 Pupil protector
50 Home of the Dolphins
51 Throw out
53 NATO alphabet vowel
55 Octagonal road sign
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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): “The creation of the world did not take place once and for all time, but takes place every day.” Aries playwright Samuel Beckett made that observation, and now I’m passing it on to you as you glide into an extra-creative phase of your astrological cycle. I hope you will regard Beckett’s idea as an open-ended encouragement to improvise and experiment. May it rouse you to brainstorm about novel possibilities. May it inspire you to explore fresh trends you could launch. May it mobilize you to imagine the new worlds you might Big Bang into existence.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Author Diane Ackerman tells us, “So often loneliness comes from being out of touch with parts of oneself.” That’s the kind of loneliness I worry you may be susceptible to right now, Taurus. You’re a bit out of touch with aspects of your psyche that are crucial for you to include in your total sense of self. You’ve been neglecting to nurture certain soulful qualities that keep you healthy and wise. Please note: It won’t be useful to try to find those parts of you in other people; you will have to locate them in your own depths. Here’s the good news: The coming weeks will be an excellent time to do just that.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): “Someone ought to do it, but why should I?” Author and activist Annie Besant identified that sentence as the motto of people who are moral cowards: those who know about an injustice but do nothing to address it. Very few of us have completely avoided that behavior. Most of us, including me, have now and then chosen to serve our need for comfort instead of standing up against corruption or unfairness. But I think it’s more important than usual that you Geminis don’t engage in such moral cowardice now. More depends on your integrity and bravery than you realize.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Born in 1936, Cancerian author and activist June Jordan was a black feminist bisexual born to Jamaican immigrant parents. When she was growing up, her father beat her and her mother committed suicide. Later, she raised her child alone as a single mother. Despite the challenges she faced, she published 28 books, won numerous awards and wielded significant influence. How did she do it? She was a highly evolved Cancerian in the sense that she put a priority on treating herself well. “I must undertake to love myself and to respect myself as though my very life depends upon self-love and self-respect,” she testified. I’d like to make that your keynote for the rest of 2020. Your task is to achieve June Jordan-levels of self-care.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): “How can I communicate to wild bunnies that I am their ally?” asked a Twitter blogger named Ghost Girl. That question is a good place to start my oracle for you. In the coming weeks, I think you’ll be wise to meditate on how to enhance your relationship with all kinds of wild things: animals, people, weather, landscapes and your own exotic thoughts and fantasies. In my opinion, you will upgrade your intelligence and well-being by increasing your access to influences that don’t necessarily play by conventional rules and that draw their energy from primal sources.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): It’s never too late to have a rebellious adolescence — hopefully bigger and better and smarter than any you’ve had before. And according to my analysis, now would be a favorable time to get started. Is there any stuffy authority you’d be wise to flout? Any dumb and oppressive conventions you would benefit from breaking? Any stale old traditions you’re primed to ignore so you can create some lively new traditions? In my estimation, you will generate good fortune for yourself if you try some benevolent mischief and creative experiments.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): Your word of power for the coming weeks is ubuntu, a Zulu term meaning “I am because we are” or “the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity.” Nobel Prize-winning theologian Archbishop Desmond Tutu writes, “A person with ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished.” I hope that between now and August 25, Libra, you will put ubuntu at the center of everything you do. Make it an intensely practical practice.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): “The size of your dreams must always exceed your current capacity to achieve them,” says Scorpio-born Liberian politician Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. “If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough.” I trust you’ve arrived at this realization on your own in the past few weeks. And I hope you have audaciously expanded and supercharged your dreams so that they do indeed surpass your current ability to accomplish them. If you have not yet done this daring work, please attend to it now. If you have done it, move on to the next step: making definite plans to acquire the power and resources necessary to achieve your new, improved dreams.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): “The soul should always stand ajar,” wrote Sagittarian poet Emily Dickinson, “That if the heaven inquire, / He will not be obliged to wait, / Or shy of troubling her.” I’m confident that this will be a fertile meditation for you in the coming weeks. So what does it mean? By “heaven,” I assume Dickinson meant marvelous interventions, sacred revelations and lucky accidents — and maybe also soulful invitations, out-of-the-blue opportunities and supernatural breakthroughs. What do you think, Sagittarius? What can you do to make your soul ajar for phenomena like those?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): “Everything is complicated,” wrote poet Wallace Stevens. “If that were not so, life and poetry and everything else would be a bore.” I agree! And therefore, I conclude, you should shed any resentment you might feel for the fact that our world is a crazy tangle of mystifying and interesting stories. Drop any wish that life will stop being so fascinatingly messy and confusingly intriguing. Instead, why not celebrate the deep riddles? And revel in the intriguing complexity? And give holy thanks for the paradoxical beauty? Everything I just said should prepare you well for the next four weeks.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): You’ll be extra sensitive to stimuli in the coming weeks. Every little event will touch you more intensely than usual. Every perception will flow into you with an unusually strong potential to move you and influence you. That’s why I think you should be vigilantly self-protective. Erect a psychic shield around yourself. Make sure your boundaries are firm and clear. Affirm your unshakable commitment to deflecting vibes that aren’t of use to you and welcoming vibes that will enhance your well-being.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Actress Gwyneth Paltrow founded Goop, a company that markets exotic, expensive health treatments. She claims that far-infrared gemstone therapy and crystal-based sound-healing baths will dissolve your negativity. Allowing bees to sting your scars will supposedly cause the scars to fade. Drinking “sex juice,” a blend of watermelon and alkaline water, will enhance your libido. The “collagen martini,” which is a mix of vodka, vermouth, olive juice and collagen peptides, will smooth your skin’s wrinkles. I’m favorably disposed to you taking strong actions to improve your well-being in the coming weeks, Pisces, but I recommend that you try cheaper, more reliable modalities than those Paltrow recommends. Like what? Ample sleep and good food, for starters, along with fun exercise, time in nature, enjoyable meditation sessions and tender expressions of love.

Homework: Are there any ways in which you would benefit from becoming more well-balanced? Testify at FreeWillAstrology.com

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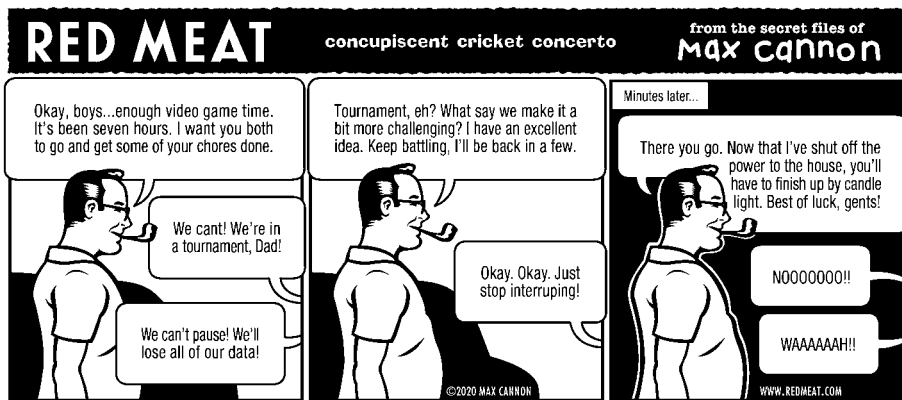
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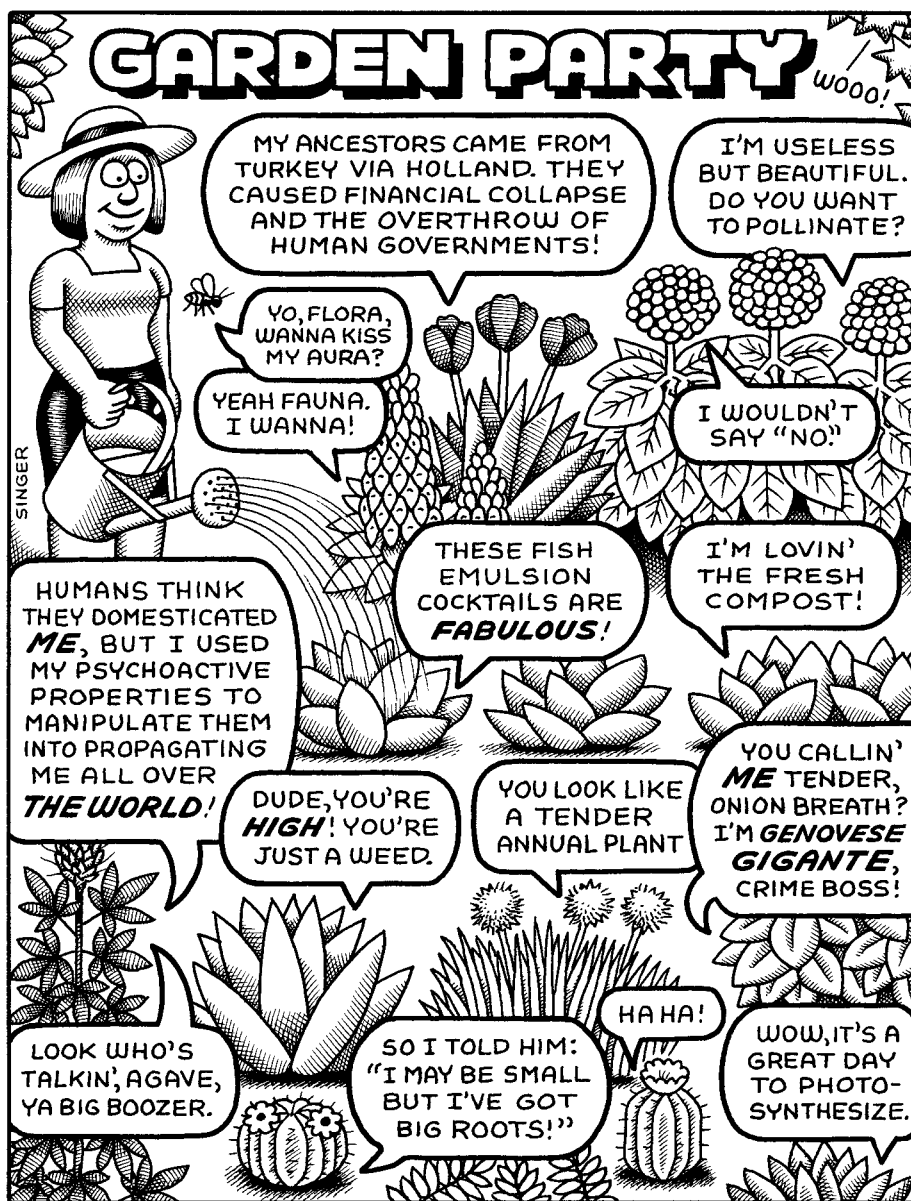
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Is it terrible to believe you can still have a truly monogamous and loving relationship with one partner after twenty years? Or can we walk into a relationship knowing that within those decades of being together that situations like infidelity or being attracted to another is completely unavoidable? And if we acknowledge that in some cases it's truly unavoidable, should we mentally prepare ourselves for this possibility during our "monogamous" stage? Early on in dating? — **Hopelessly Optimistic Person Enquires**

Be prepared.

Knowing what we do about infidelity and how common it is over the course of long-term relationships, HOPE, it's a good idea to have a conversation early in a relationship about what you will do if and/or when one and/or the other and/or both of you should cheat years or decades later. It's best for this convo to happen at the tail end of the infatuation stage but before you've made any sort of formal commitment — you know, after you've had your first fight but still at that stage when the thought of ever wanting to fuck someone else seems ridiculous. Committing at that point to at least trying to work through an infidelity doesn't guarantee the relationship will survive and it doesn't obligate you to remain in the relationship. But it ups the chances the relationship will survive an infidelity that it could and perhaps should survive.

Because remember... when it comes to cheating... some types are worse than others. There are differences in degree. If you found out your husband fucked your sister on your wedding night, well, that's probably not something you'll be able to forgive. But an instantly regretted one-off on a business trip (remember those?) or prolonged affair after twenty years and two kids and both partners long ago started taking their sexual connection for granted and both allowed it to wither? That's something you can work past and are likelier to work past if you agreed to at least try to work past it before the kids and the taking for granted and the business trips.

Zooming out for a moment...

The culture encourages us to see cheating as a relationship-extinction-level event — an unforgivable betrayal, something no relationship can survive. Which seems nuts when you pause to consider just how common cheating is. Defining cheating as always unforgivable sets up for failure otherwise good and loving relationships that might be able to survive an infidelity.

If instead of telling us that no relationship could ever survive an infidelity the culture told us that cheating in monogamous or non-monogamous is always serious betrayal — it's not at all trivial — but it's something a relationship can survive, HOPE, then more relationships that should survive infidelities would... I hope you're sitting down... actually wind up surviving infidelities. The truth is, many relationships don't just survive infidelities but actually wind up thriving in the wake of the disclosure or exposure of an affair because the healing process brings the couple closer together. (This is not a good reason to have an affair, of course, nor is it the reason why anyone has ever had an affair.) Reinforcing the idea that affairs always destroy relationships: Couples who remain together after an affair usually don't talk openly about the cheating while couples who separate or divorce after an affair can hardly bring themselves to talk about anything else.

Now to quickly answer your first questions...

Yes, it is possible for two people to remain monogamous for twenty years. It can be done — of course it can — but there are lots of people out there who think they've done it but are mistaken. Some people think they've been in successfully monogamous relationships for twenty years have been cheated on — or they themselves have done something their partners might regard as cheating — and the one-off infidelity or the ongoing affair or the happy endings were never exposed or disclosed.

And your partner is going to find other people attractive — and not in twenty years. Today, right now, your partner is going to lay eyes on someone else they find attractive, HOPE, just as you will probably lay eyes — but only eyes — on someone else you find attractive. Making a monogamous commitment doesn't mean you don't wanna fuck other people, it means you will refrain from fucking other people. If the lie we're told about love and attraction were true — if being in love with someone left you incapable of finding someone else attractive — we wouldn't need to make monogamous commitments. We wouldn't need to promise to not fuck anyone or extract that promise from someone else if being in left rendered us incapable of even noticing how hot your barista is.

What is the etiquette for breaking up with an escort you've been seeing regularly? A little background: I'm married and have been seeing an escort for the past three years about twice a month. The sex is amazing. We've developed a friendship and get along very well. The issue is that I've gotten emotionally attached. I constantly think of her and she's always on my mind. It's negatively affected my marriage and I need to break it off. I don't want to hurt her as I have genuine affection but I need to stop seeing her. Do I send a note with an explanation? Or do I ghost and stop sending her text messages? I'm the one who initiates contact. She never reaches out to me first. Thanks for your advice. — **It's Me Not You**

Don't thank me, IMNY, thank all the nice sex workers and sex workers' rights advocates who were kind enough to share their thoughts after I tweeted out your question and asked #Sex-WorkTwitter to weigh in. The general consensus was for you to send a brief note letting this woman know you won't be booking her again. A short selection from the responses...

Kalee D. (@GoddessKaleeLA): "I've had this happen a few times before and the couple that wrote me a note with honesty were so deeply appreciated. The others, I always wondered what I did wrong or if they died in some freak accident."

Maya Midnight (@MsMayaMidnight): "I'd be worried if a longtime regular disappeared during a pandemic! Send a quick text or email saying you're taking a break but you've enjoyed your time together. No need for more detail about why. A parting gift would be a nice gesture."

SoftSandalwood (@SoftSandalwood): "Pro Domme here. Definitely let her know what's going on, so she doesn't wonder if you're OK, if she did something wrong, etc. It's the job of a pro to understand and respect boundaries. Thanks for a thoughtful question."

Daddy Lance (@LanceNavarro): "Agreed 100%. The majority of us are deeply empathetic and prefer closure over mystery."

A final thought from me: sex workers value trustworthy regular clients and FOSTA/SESTA and the coronavirus pandemic have made it incredibly difficult for sex workers to find new regular clients. Sending this woman a generous final tip — perhaps the price of a session, if you can swing it — would soften the blow of losing you as a regular client and would tide her over until she can replace you.

That was great advice you gave to "Virgin" in last week's column. I was a 39-year-old virgin and started seeing sex workers. I found one that had the kind of qualities mentioned by the sex worker you quoted in your column. She was a kind caring, and compassionate person that I saw regularly for a year. Being with her gave me confidence in my sexual abilities and allowed me to experience physical affection. A little while later I met my future wife. I was even able to tell her about my experiences with sex workers and she wasn't offended and didn't shame me. She was actually intrigued. I hope VIRGIN takes your advice. If he finds the right sex worker, like I did, it will change his life. — **One Grateful Client**

Thanks for sharing, OGC!

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